

# Eighty-Eighth Regular Session

FRIDAY, June 10, 1988

The chief clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

## EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor

June 9, 1988

To the Honorable, the Senate:

The following bills, originating in the senate, have been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

Senate Bill	Act No.	Date Approved
594-----	414 -----	June 9, 1988
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Respectfully,  
TOMMY G. THOMPSON  
Governor

State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor

June 10, 1988

To the Honorable, the Senate:

The following bill, originating in the senate, has been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

Senate Bill	Act No.	Date Approved
598(Partial veto)-----	419 -----	June 10, 1988

Respectfully,  
TOMMY G. THOMPSON  
Governor

State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor

June 10, 1988

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I have approved **Senate Bill 598** as **1987 Wisconsin Act 419** and deposited it in the office of the Secretary of State. I have exercised the partial veto in several instances.

**Senate Bill 598** appropriates an additional \$2,973,800 GPR for VTAE incentive grants and provides increases in the Homestead Credit, the Farmland Preservation Credit, and the School Property Tax Credit (former Property Tax/Rent Credit), costing an additional \$47.5 million GPR. I am partially vetoing this bill to remove the provisions increasing the Homestead Credit and Farmland Preservation Credit benefits. This reduces the fiscal effect of **Senate Bill 598** to \$26.6 million GPR, saving \$23.9 million GPR in Fiscal Year 1989.

My position on property tax relief has been that it should benefit all taxpayers. Unfortunately, the Legislature did not provide in this bill any direct relief through an increase in school aids or school levies credit, such as those I proposed, that would have reduced

property tax bills. I have therefore accepted the increase in the School Property Tax Credit, because it will benefit nearly 1.5 million homeowners and renting households and comes closest to achieving my objective.

I have not accepted the increases in the Homestead and Farmland Preservation Credits because they benefit fewer taxpayers and make this bill too expensive. The Homestead Credit is designed to target property tax relief to lower-income households. Giving greater property tax relief to households beyond this target group is better accomplished through increases in the broader-based School Property Tax Credit rather than through expansion of the Homestead Credit.

The Farmland Preservation Credit currently offsets over half of property taxes on average for claimants who qualify on the basis of income. Funding increases for this program should not provide larger credits to current claimants but should extend eligibility for the credit to more farmers. I proposed several changes towards this objective in my comprehensive property tax relief proposal, namely, the extension of the 10% minimum credit to agreement holders and the opening of a three-year "urban window" for agreements. The Legislature included these provisions in the annual budget bill, and I signed them into law. I do not feel that further expansions of the Farmland Preservation Credit are necessary at this time.

Respectfully,  
TOMMY G. THOMPSON  
Governor

## SENATE CLEARINGHOUSE ORDERS

### Senate Clearinghouse Rule 88-11

Relating to disclosure requirements for, and prohibited practices of, public adjusters.

Submitted by Office of the Commissioner of Insurance.

Report received from agency, June 8, 1988.

Referred to committee on Labor, Business, Insurance, Veterans' and Military Affairs, June 10, 1988.

### Senate Clearinghouse Rule 88-49

Relating to denial or termination of medical assistance provider certification.

Submitted by Department of Health and Social Services.

Report received from agency, June 8, 1988.

Referred to committee on Agriculture, Health and Human Services, June 10, 1988.

The committee on Transportation, Tourism and Conservation reports and recommends:

### Senate Clearinghouse Rule 87-160

Relating to Canada goose hunting.

No action taken.

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**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 87-166**

Relating to hunting, trapping and miscellaneous regulations.

Review period waived:

Ayes, 7 -- Senators Kincaid, Moen, Roshell, Andrea, Kreul, Rude and Weeden;

Noes, 0 -- None.

Lloyd Kincaid  
Chair